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Dear Mr. Sowards,

Yesterday, we inadvertently left out some information concerning your right to appeal this response. You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service

Only), E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the request number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

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Dear Mr. Sowards,

The July 1999 paper "Property Values, Stigma, and Superfund" discusses the effects of Superfund sites on property values, based on anecdotal evidence and academic papers that are over 14 years old. After the 1999 paper, EPA decided to pursue a broader assessment of the potential benefits of the Superfund program and presented them in the 2011 paper

Beneficial Effects of the Superfund Program available at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/accomp/pdfs/SFBenefits-031011-Ver1.pdf>. While the 2011 paper discusses property values, it also presents information on human health benefits, ecological benefits, community impacts, reduction of harm in emergency situations and other less tangible benefits.

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